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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 0953

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, WB

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF ARABS FROM BERLIN PRISON

REF: BERLIN 677

1. GOVERNING MAYOR SCHUETZ AND MAYOR NEUBAUER TOLD  
MINISTER AT DINNER LAST NIGHT (JUNE 8) THAT SENAT WAS EXTREMELY  
WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE TERRORIST ACTS DURING WORLD SOCCER MATCHES  
IN BERLIN BEGINNING JUNE 14 TO FORCE RELEASE OF ARAB TERROR-  
ISTS BEING HELD IN BERLIN PRISON. (IN FACT, THEY CLAIMED, THEY HAD  
RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE INFO THAT PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS INTEND ACTION  
TO FORCE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED ARABS) IN VIEW OF THIS DANGER  
SENAT HAS DECIDED TO RELEASE ARABS WHO WERE CONVICTED AND  
ARE SERVING TIME FOR POSSESSING EXPLOSIVES AND PLANNING  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

2. NEUBAUER AND SCHUETZ EXPLAINED THAT LEGAL GROUNDS  
EXIST FOR RELEASING ARABS AT THIS TIME. THEY WERE: A.) ARABS  
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HAD NOT COMMITTED TERRORIST ACTS BUT HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND

CONVICTED BEFORE UNDERTAKING CRIMINAL ACTS. B.) UNDER BER-LIN PENAL CODE FOREIGNERS MAY BE RELEASED AT ANY TIME AFTER CONVICTION (I.E. THERE IS NO MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENT FOR PAROLE).

3. MISSION OFFICER REACHED SENATOR FOR JUSTICE KORBER JUNE 9 AND LEARNED DECISION TO EXPEL ARABS ON PLANE FOR FRANKFURT BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 12 P.M. JUNE 10. ONE HALF HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL IN FRANKFURT, ARABS WILL BE PUT ON FLIGHT FOR CAIRO. AFTER THEIR FLIGHT LEAVES FOR CAIRO, SENAT WILL INFORM PRESS OF ACTION. KORBER POINTED OUT THAT ARABS HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD IN JAIL FOR CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME, WITHOUT ACTUAL ACT OF VIOLENCE HAVING OCCURRED, AND IT WOULD BE BEST TO DISPOSE OF THEM BEFORE ONE DID. KLEIN UNQUOTE SISCO

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